# MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE, AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S


S4530-3

## Missouri Labor Market Review


***Bill Niblack, Labor Economist*** ***Amy Miller, Analyst***


***Data Month: March, 1985***

Missouri unemployment dropped sharply in March, with much of the drop accounted for by the seasonal improvement that comes at the end of winter. The unemployment rate fell more than a full percentage point, dropping from 8.4 percent in February to 7.3 percent. This represented a decrease of 23,700 in the estimated number of jobless Missourians, which fell to 175,400 in March.

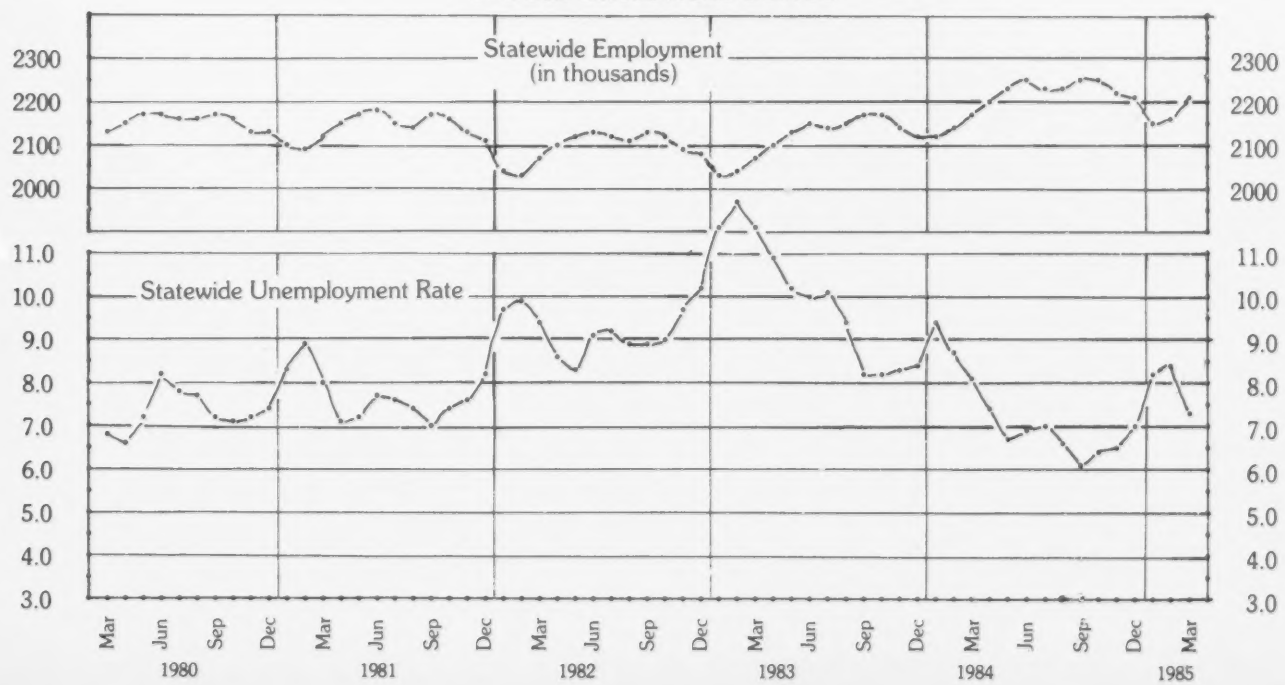
Employment increased substantially in the month, with total employment climbing by 51,900 to 2,211,100. As in the case of unemployment, the improvement was somewhat greater than the expected seasonal amount. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment also grew but by a smaller amount. The number of nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 23,000 to 2,019,500 in March, with seasonal gains in construction (up by 6200 jobs), services (5800 jobs) and retail trade (5000 jobs) leading the way. The durable goods manufacturing industries showed growth of 2300 jobs between February and March.

Over the past several months, employment has shown a fair amount of improvement, while unemployment has been fairly stable, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Total employment grew by of 44,700 between March 1984 and March 1985 while unemployment fell by 15,900 in the same period. Nonfarm payroll employment grew by 31,200 jobs during the year.

The factory workweek rebounded in March, climbing back up to 40.1 hours from February's temporarily-reduced 39.2 hours. A sharp increase in average weekly hours in the


Continued on Page 6


***Statewide Employment and Unemployment 5-Year Historical Series***



# Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

| COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA | CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1985 (PRELIMINARY) | | | | PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1985 ( REVISED ) | | | | ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE |
| STATEWIDE | 2386469 | 2211095 | 175374 | 7.3 | 2358322 | 2159248 | 199074 | 8.4 | 2357733 | 2166460 | 191273 | 8.1 |
| ST. LOUIS SMSA | 1165719 | 1077066 | 88653 | 7.6 | 1159359 | 1057353 | 102006 | 8.8 | 1160836 | 1053002 | 107834 | 9.3 |
| KANSAS CITY SMSA | 746767 | 708683 | 38084 | 5.1 | 729754 | 687387 | 42367 | 5.8 | 729935 | 685626 | 44309 | 6.1 |
| SPRINGFIELD SMSA | 116151 | 110038 | 6113 | 5.3 | 115375 | 108487 | 6888 | 6.0 | 116695 | 109944 | 6751 | 5.8 |
| COLUMBIA SMSA | 60147 | 57443 | 2704 | 4.5 | 60365 | 57310 | 3055 | 5.1 | 58463 | 55881 | 2582 | 4.4 |
| JOPLIN SMSA | 60059 | 56024 | 4035 | 6.7 | 59582 | 55039 | 4543 | 7.6 | 57962 | 53474 | 4488 | 7.7 |
| ST. JOSEPH SMSA | 41137 | 37911 | 3226 | 7.8 | 40647 | 37164 | 3483 | 8.6 | 42888 | 39116 | 3772 | 8.8 |
| ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA | 16210 | 15022 | 1188 | 7.3 | 16316 | 14964 | 1352 | 8.3 | 16578 | 15351 | 1227 | 7.4 |
| ANDREW | 6249 | 5859 | 390 | 6.2 | 6221 | 5711 | 510 | 8.2 | 6031 | 5520 | 511 | 8.5 |
| ATCHISON | 4065 | 3768 | 297 | 7.3 | 4000 | 3693 | 307 | 7.7 | 4357 | 3745 | 612 | 14.0 |
| AUDRAIN | 11124 | 9867 | 1257 | 11.3 | 10868 | 9678 | 1190 | 10.9 | 10903 | 10009 | 894 | 8.2 |
| BARRY | 11899 | 11060 | 839 | 7.1 | 11721 | 10918 | 803 | 6.9 | 11005 | 10206 | 799 | 7.3 |
| BARTON | 4923 | 4703 | 220 | 4.5 | 4803 | 4558 | 245 | 5.1 | 4896 | 4679 | 217 | 4.4 |
| BATES | 7465 | 6965 | 500 | 6.7 | 7308 | 6715 | 593 | 8.1 | 7558 | 6945 | 613 | 8.1 |
| BENTON | 5356 | 4841 | 515 | 9.6 | 5271 | 4580 | 691 | 13.1 | 5051 | 4531 | 520 | 10.3 |
| BOLLINGER | 3314 | 2726 | 588 | 17.7 | 3275 | 2644 | 631 | 19.3 | 3245 | 2573 | 672 | 20.7 |
| BUTLER | 16536 | 14473 | 2063 | 12.5 | 16297 | 14156 | 2141 | 13.1 | 16025 | 13906 | 2119 | 13.2 |
| CALDWELL | 3569 | 3326 | 243 | 6.8 | 3537 | 3253 | 284 | 8.0 | 3571 | 3278 | 293 | 8.2 |
| CALLAWAY | 18160 | 16761 | 1399 | 7.7 | 18026 | 16480 | 1546 | 8.6 | 20497 | 19132 | 1365 | 6.7 |
| CAMDEN | 12966 | 11901 | 1065 | 8.2 | 12575 | 11140 | 1435 | 11.4 | 11567 | 10363 | 1204 | 10.4 |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU | 32413 | 30624 | 1789 | 5.5 | 32132 | 30112 | 2020 | 6.3 | 31011 | 28989 | 2022 | 6.5 |
| CARROLL | 4546 | 4161 | 385 | 8.5 | 4446 | 4026 | 420 | 9.4 | 4589 | 4095 | 494 | 10.8 |
| CARTER | 2781 | 2428 | 353 | 12.7 | 2792 | 2411 | 381 | 13.6 | 2937 | 2603 | 334 | 11.4 |
| CEDAR | 4317 | 3926 | 391 | 9.1 | 4292 | 3792 | 500 | 11.6 | 4371 | 4018 | 353 | 8.1 |
| CHARITON | 4795 | 4397 | 398 | 8.3 | 4706 | 4255 | 451 | 9.6 | 4637 | 4306 | 331 | 7.1 |
| CLARK | 3265 | 2831 | 434 | 13.3 | 3181 | 2738 | 443 | 13.9 | 3070 | 2729 | 341 | 11.1 |
| CLINTON | 7429 | 6899 | 530 | 7.1 | 7351 | 6705 | 646 | 8.8 | 7196 | 6690 | 506 | 7.0 |
| COLE/OSAGE LMA | 37687 | 35353 | 2334 | 6.2 | 37229 | 34570 | 2659 | 7.1 | 35964 | 33311 | 2653 | 7.4 |
| COOPER | 6952 | 6382 | 570 | 8.2 | 6881 | 5943 | 938 | 13.6 | 6807 | 6272 | 535 | 7.9 |
| CRAWFORD | 7663 | 6720 | 943 | 12.3 | 7863 | 6771 | 1092 | 13.9 | 7358 | 6573 | 785 | 10.7 |
| DADE | 3688 | 3534 | 154 | 4.2 | 3626 | 3449 | 177 | 4.9 | 3732 | 3559 | 173 | 4.6 |
| DALLAS | 4757 | 4334 | 423 | 8.9 | 4708 | 4160 | 548 | 11.6 | 4277 | 3861 | 416 | 9.7 |
| DAVIESS | 3115 | 2847 | 268 | 8.6 | 3073 | 2758 | 315 | 10.3 | 3068 | 2690 | 378 | 12.3 |
| DEKALB | 3598 | 3334 | 264 | 7.3 | 3505 | 3196 | 309 | 8.8 | 3235 | 2992 | 243 | 7.5 |
| DENT | 6088 | 5487 | 601 | 9.9 | 6041 | 5286 | 755 | 12.5 | 5913 | 5270 | 643 | 10.9 |
| DOUGLAS | 4592 | 3869 | 723 | 15.7 | 4495 | 3746 | 749 | 16.7 | 4453 | 4035 | 418 | 9.4 |
| DUNKLIN | 12954 | 11096 | 1858 | 14.3 | 12803 | 10873 | 1930 | 15.1 | 13092 | 11328 | 1764 | 13.5 |
| GASCONADE | 6802 | 6346 | 456 | 6.7 | 6788 | 6193 | 595 | 8.8 | 6828 | 6365 | 463 | 6.8 |
| GENTRY | 3796 | 3624 | 172 | 4.5 | 3708 | 3517 | 191 | 5.2 | 3873 | 3606 | 267 | 6.9 |
| GRUNDY | 5292 | 4972 | 320 | 6.0 | 5145 | 4753 | 392 | 7.6 | 5064 | 4558 | 506 | 10.0 |
| HARRISON | 4867 | 4566 | 301 | 6.2 | 4798 | 4425 | 373 | 7.8 | 4810 | 4377 | 433 | 9.0 |
| HENRY | 9479 | 8803 | 676 | 7.1 | 9270 | 8441 | 829 | 8.9 | 9025 | 8342 | 683 | 7.6 |
| HICKORY | 2494 | 2296 | 198 | 7.9 | 2475 | 2164 | 311 | 12.6 | 2274 | 1998 | 276 | 12.1 |
| HOLT | 3211 | 2986 | 225 | 7.0 | 3105 | 2853 | 252 | 8.1 | 3232 | 2937 | 295 | 9.1 |
| HOWARD | 4712 | 4362 | 350 | 7.4 | 4742 | 4214 | 528 | 11.1 | 4721 | 4409 | 312 | 6.6 |
| HOWELL | 13612 | 11964 | 1648 | 12.1 | 13438 | 11879 | 1559 | 11.6 | 13212 | 11911 | 1301 | 9.8 |
| IRON | 4068 | 3257 | 811 | 19.9 | 4159 | 3231 | 928 | 22.3 | 4452 | 3788 | 664 | 14.9 |
| JOHNSON | 17416 | 16798 | 618 | 3.5 | 17378 | 16561 | 817 | 4.7 | 15862 | 15120 | 742 | 4.7 |
| KNOX | 2323 | 2062 | 261 | 11.2 | 2264 | 1981 | 283 | 12.5 | 2410 | 2143 | 267 | 11.1 |
| LACLEDE | 11648 | 10584 | 1064 | 9.1 | 11607 | 10371 | 1236 | 10.6 | 11078 | 10146 | 932 | 8.4 |
| LAWRENCE | 12609 | 11615 | 994 | 7.9 | 12406 | 11409 | 997 | 8.0 | 12245 | 11153 | 1092 | 8.9 |

# Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

| COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA | CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1985 (PRELIMINARY) | | | | PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1985 ( REVISED ) | | | | ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE | CLF | EMP | UNEMP | RATE |
| LEWIS | 5672 | 5140 | 532 | 9.4 | 5465 | 4906 | 559 | 10.2 | 5487 | 4830 | 657 | 12.0 |
| LINCOLN | 10605 | 9718 | 887 | 8.4 | 10645 | 9525 | 1120 | 10.5 | 9941 | 8886 | 1055 | 10.6 |
| LINN | 7617 | 6998 | 619 | 8.1 | 7543 | 6814 | 729 | 9.7 | 7728 | 6979 | 749 | 9.7 |
| LIVINGSTON | 6552 | 5934 | 618 | 9.4 | 6501 | 5865 | 636 | 9.8 | 6841 | 6151 | 690 | 10.1 |
| MACON | 7233 | 6638 | 595 | 8.2 | 7498 | 5535 | 1963 | 26.2 | 6708 | 6134 | 574 | 8.6 |
| MADISON | 3740 | 3216 | 524 | 14.0 | 3762 | 3239 | 523 | 13.9 | 3798 | 3301 | 497 | 13.1 |
| MARIES | 3027 | 2654 | 373 | 12.3 | 2842 | 2481 | 361 | 12.7 | 2564 | 2301 | 263 | 10.3 |
| MARION/RALLS LMA | 17761 | 15837 | 1924 | 10.8 | 17455 | 15796 | 1659 | 9.5 | 17916 | 15974 | 1942 | 10.8 |
| MCDONALD | 5428 | 5033 | 395 | 7.3 | 5502 | 5000 | 502 | 9.1 | 5488 | 4958 | 530 | 9.7 |
| MERCER | 1743 | 1621 | 122 | 7.0 | 1689 | 1540 | 149 | 8.8 | 1799 | 1631 | 168 | 9.3 |
| MILLER | 10395 | 8974 | 1421 | 13.7 | 10499 | 8580 | 1919 | 18.3 | 10073 | 8730 | 1343 | 13.3 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 6792 | 5730 | 1062 | 15.6 | 6533 | 5556 | 977 | 15.0 | 6386 | 5542 | 844 | 13.2 |
| MONITEAU | 4746 | 4232 | 514 | 10.8 | 4897 | 3805 | 1092 | 22.3 | 4818 | 4321 | 497 | 10.3 |
| MONROE | 4520 | 4196 | 324 | 7.2 | 4470 | 4022 | 448 | 10.0 | 4468 | 4175 | 293 | 6.6 |
| MONTGOMERY | 5277 | 4710 | 567 | 10.7 | 5216 | 4561 | 655 | 12.6 | 5212 | 4749 | 463 | 8.9 |
| MORGAN | 5709 | 5038 | 671 | 11.8 | 5630 | 4726 | 904 | 16.1 | 5519 | 4861 | 658 | 11.9 |
| NEW MADRID | 11369 | 10167 | 1202 | 10.6 | 11221 | 9964 | 1257 | 11.2 | 11315 | 10183 | 1132 | 10.0 |
| NODAWAY | 10723 | 10173 | 550 | 5.1 | 10421 | 9829 | 592 | 5.7 | 10421 | 9769 | 652 | 6.3 |
| OREGON | 3148 | 2667 | 481 | 15.3 | 3075 | 2573 | 502 | 16.3 | 3015 | 2655 | 360 | 11.9 |
| OZARK | 4189 | 3763 | 426 | 10.2 | 3959 | 3416 | 543 | 13.7 | 3895 | 3516 | 379 | 9.7 |
| PEMISCOT | 8305 | 7354 | 951 | 11.5 | 8179 | 7164 | 1015 | 12.4 | 8137 | 7080 | 1057 | 13.0 |
| PERRY | 6933 | 6360 | 573 | 8.3 | 6972 | 6238 | 734 | 10.5 | 6857 | 6242 | 615 | 9.0 |
| PETTIS | 16746 | 15335 | 1411 | 8.4 | 16570 | 14996 | 1574 | 9.5 | 16168 | 14771 | 1397 | 8.6 |
| PHELPS | 15859 | 14723 | 1136 | 7.2 | 15875 | 14489 | 1386 | 8.7 | 15411 | 14271 | 1140 | 7.4 |
| PIKE | 6722 | 5810 | 912 | 13.6 | 6556 | 5670 | 886 | 13.5 | 7075 | 6143 | 932 | 13.2 |
| POLK | 9250 | 8662 | 588 | 6.4 | 8942 | 8349 | 593 | 6.6 | 8817 | 8276 | 541 | 6.1 |
| PULASKI | 8988 | 8096 | 892 | 9.9 | 8854 | 8014 | 840 | 9.5 | 8835 | 8048 | 787 | 8.9 |
| PUTNAM | 2689 | 2499 | 190 | 7.1 | 2640 | 2419 | 221 | 8.4 | 2955 | 2653 | 302 | 10.2 |
| RANDOLPH | 11742 | 10850 | 892 | 7.6 | 11825 | 10290 | 1535 | 13.0 | 11507 | 10675 | 832 | 7.2 |
| REYNOLDS | 2135 | 1677 | 458 | 21.5 | 2176 | 1650 | 526 | 24.2 | 2459 | 1996 | 463 | 18.8 |
| RIPLEY | 3350 | 2841 | 509 | 15.2 | 3357 | 2811 | 546 | 16.3 | 3268 | 2785 | 483 | 14.8 |
| SALINE | 14015 | 13290 | 725 | 5.2 | 13835 | 12866 | 969 | 7.0 | 13568 | 12807 | 761 | 5.6 |
| SCOTLAND | 2387 | 2205 | 182 | 7.6 | 2319 | 2107 | 212 | 9.1 | 2327 | 2112 | 215 | 9.2 |
| SCOTT | 17138 | 15465 | 1673 | 9.8 | 16948 | 15040 | 1908 | 11.3 | 17202 | 15339 | 1863 | 10.8 |
| SHANNON | 2896 | 2374 | 522 | 18.0 | 2977 | 2326 | 651 | 21.9 | 3273 | 2580 | 693 | 21.2 |
| SHELBY | 3215 | 2934 | 281 | 8.7 | 3084 | 2641 | 443 | 14.4 | 3115 | 2885 | 230 | 7.4 |
| ST. CLAIR | 3733 | 3522 | 211 | 5.7 | 3710 | 3426 | 284 | 7.7 | 3794 | 3472 | 322 | 8.5 |
| ST. FRANCOIS | 19263 | 17236 | 2027 | 10.5 | 19425 | 17014 | 2411 | 12.4 | 19579 | 17297 | 2282 | 11.7 |
| STE. GENEVIEVE | 6000 | 5410 | 590 | 9.8 | 5942 | 5295 | 647 | 10.9 | 5672 | 5112 | 560 | 9.9 |
| STODDARD | 12806 | 11381 | 1425 | 11.1 | 12586 | 11059 | 1527 | 12.1 | 12529 | 10848 | 1681 | 13.4 |
| STONE | 7115 | 5756 | 1359 | 19.1 | 7061 | 5461 | 1600 | 22.7 | 7065 | 5689 | 1376 | 19.5 |
| SULLIVAN | 3339 | 3063 | 276 | 8.3 | 3245 | 2965 | 280 | 8.6 | 3448 | 3133 | 315 | 9.1 |
| TANEY | 13553 | 11358 | 2195 | 16.2 | 13043 | 10591 | 2452 | 18.8 | 12119 | 10151 | 1968 | 16.2 |
| TEXAS | 8087 | 6863 | 1224 | 15.1 | 8117 | 6515 | 1602 | 19.7 | 7937 | 6887 | 1050 | 13.2 |
| VERNON | 9552 | 8984 | 568 | 5.9 | 9431 | 8779 | 652 | 6.9 | 9462 | 8892 | 570 | 6.0 |
| WARREN | 7122 | 6547 | 575 | 8.1 | 7027 | 6403 | 624 | 8.9 | 6070 | 5439 | 631 | 10.4 |
| WASHINGTON | 4650 | 3590 | 1060 | 22.8 | 4918 | 3040 | 1878 | 38.2 | 4554 | 3610 | 944 | 20.7 |
| WAYNE | 4298 | 3652 | 646 | 15.0 | 4339 | 3553 | 786 | 18.1 | 4218 | 3499 | 719 | 17.0 |
| WEBSTER | 8251 | 7442 | 809 | 9.8 | 8032 | 7108 | 924 | 11.5 | 7497 | 6774 | 723 | 9.6 |
| WORTH | 1121 | 1037 | 84 | 7.5 | 1090 | 992 | 98 | 9.0 | 1093 | 984 | 109 | 10.0 |
| WRIGHT | 7217 | 6342 | 875 | 12.1 | 7117 | 6241 | 876 | 12.3 | 7337 | 6627 | 710 | 9.7 |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
## Missouri (Statewide)
## March, 1984

| Industry Title | All Employees (In Thousands) | | | Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings | | | Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours | | | Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Non-Agri. Employment | 2019.5 | 1996.5 | 1988.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Manufacturing | 430.8 | 428.8 | 430.1 | 382.55 | 372.79 | 373.11 | 40.1 | 39.2 | 40.6 | 9.54 | 9.51 | 9.19 |
| Durable Goods | 247.4 | 245.1 | 245.3 | 425.79 | 412.23 | 417.06 | 41.5 | 40.1 | 42.0 | 10.26 | 10.28 | 9.93 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 229.82 | 228.89 | 233.25 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 39.4 | 6.08 | 6.12 | 5.92 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 11.3 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 301.75 | 309.00 | 291.69 | 42.5 | 43.4 | 40.4 | 7.10 | 7.12 | 7.22 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Prod. | 10.3 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 437.44 | 410.22 | 405.90 | 41.9 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 10.44 | 10.23 | 9.90 |
| Cement, Hydraulic | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 536.35 | 534.48 | 580.03 | 39.7 | 39.3 | 42.4 | 13.51 | 13.60 | 13.68 |
| Structural Clay Prod. | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 468.07 | 480.80 | 452.97 | 39.4 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 11.88 | 11.67 | 11.24 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 449.96 | 452.99 | 459.67 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 41.3 | 11.11 | 11.13 | 11.13 |
| Iron & Steel Foundries | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 358.50 | 372.91 | 363.85 | 40.6 | 41.9 | 41.3 | 8.83 | 8.90 | 8.81 |
| Nonferrous Foundries | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 336.34 | 345.46 | 344.38 | 43.3 | 43.4 | 42.1 | 7.92 | 7.96 | 8.18 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 28.3 | 28.1 | 28.0 | 384.48 | 374.66 | 383.57 | 40.6 | 39.9 | 41.2 | 9.47 | 9.39 | 9.31 |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Prod | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 366.51 | 368.23 | 352.56 | 40.1 | 40.2 | 38.7 | 9.14 | 9.16 | 9.11 |
| Machinery Exc. Electrical | 31.5 | 31.4 | 32.4 | 396.17 | 391.15 | 395.57 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 9.71 | 9.73 | 9.84 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment | 51.7 | 50.5 | 49.2 | 381.10 | 383.11 | 359.68 | 41.2 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 9.25 | 9.25 | 8.73 |
| Transportation Equipment | 71.5 | 71.1 | 71.2 | 597.56 | 550.84 | 570.57 | 44.1 | 39.6 | 45.5 | 13.55 | 13.91 | 12.54 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equip. | 32.3 | 32.1 | 33.4 | 630.21 | 555.88 | 603.06 | 45.9 | 39.9 | 48.4 | 13.73 | 14.29 | 12.46 |
| Instruments & Related Prod. | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 288.23 | 286.63 | 322.98 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 42.0 | 7.17 | 7.13 | 7.69 |
| Misc. Mfg. Inds. | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 238.71 | 243.57 | 256.99 | 36.5 | 37.3 | 38.3 | 6.54 | 6.53 | 6.71 |
| Nondurable Goods | 183.4 | 183.8 | 184.8 | 325.08 | 322.79 | 319.37 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 38.9 | 8.51 | 8.45 | 8.21 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 44.5 | 44.3 | 44.5 | 374.36 | 381.91 | 383.46 | 39.2 | 40.5 | 41.5 | 9.55 | 9.43 | 9.24 |
| Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables | 11.9 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 252.79 | 261.45 | 274.99 | 37.9 | 40.1 | 42.7 | 6.67 | 6.52 | 6.44 |
| Dairy Products | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 393.34 | 394.70 | 412.16 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 44.8 | 9.41 | 9.42 | 9.20 |
| Grain Mill Products | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 400.37 | 405.37 | 392.62 | 39.7 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 10.08 | 9.96 | 9.84 |
| Bakery Products | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 375.38 | 375.55 | 364.08 | 37.5 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 10.01 | 10.15 | 9.84 |
| Beverages | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 590.73 | 604.44 | 567.78 | 40.6 | 41.4 | 39.9 | 14.55 | 14.60 | 14.23 |

Continued from Page 4

| Industry Title | All Employees (In Thousands) | | | Production Workers | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
| | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago | Curr. Mo. | Prev. Mo. | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Other Food & Kindred | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 392.19 | 389.91 | 407.04 | 38.3 | 40.7 | 42.4 | 10.24 | 9.58 | 9.60 |
| Textile & Apparel | 25.1 | 25.0 | 26.5 | 191.84 | 184.73 | 187.27 | 35.2 | 34.4 | 35.4 | 5.45 | 5.37 | 5.29 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 13.4 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 376.28 | 365.92 | 354.48 | 40.9 | 40.3 | 40.1 | 9.20 | 9.08 | 8.84 |
| Paperboard Cont. & Boxes | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 400.90 | 380.69 | 370.23 | 42.2 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 9.50 | 9.24 | 9.03 |
| Printing & Publishing | 40.2 | 40.2 | 38.9 | 367.79 | 366.15 | 370.36 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 38.7 | 9.73 | 9.79 | 9.57 |
| Commercial Printing | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 436.04 | 433.88 | 441.32 | 40.1 | 40.1 | 41.4 | 10.74 | 10.82 | 10.66 |
| Chemicals & Allied | 29.5 | 29.4 | 28.5 | 448.13 | 448.81 | 433.02 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 42.0 | 10.93 | 10.92 | 10.31 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 17.5 | 18.2 | 19.9 | 181.15 | 178.28 | 183.85 | 33.3 | 33.2 | 34.3 | 5.44 | 5.37 | 5.36 |
| Footwear Exc. Rubber | 14.1 | 14.7 | 15.6 | 176.09 | 169.98 | 180.88 | 33.1 | 32.5 | 34.0 | 5.32 | 5.23 | 5.32 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 1588.7 | 1567.7 | 1558.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 75.3 | 69.1 | 74.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation & Public Util. | 134.0 | 133.6 | 133.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Railroad Transportation | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation (Exc. R.R.) | 69.5 | 69.1 | 68.5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Communications | 51.6 | 51.6 | 51.7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 475.5 | 470.3 | 467.5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale Trade | 131.0 | 130.8 | 130.7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Trade | 344.5 | 339.5 | 336.8 | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 113.9 | 113.4 | 112.8 | | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 437.7 | 431.9 | 428.7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Government | 346.1 | 343.7 | 335.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Government | 70.4 | 69.2 | 68.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| State & Local Government | 275.7 | 274.5 | 267.0 | | | | | | | | | |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Continued from Cover

automobile industry was largely responsible, but a number of other durable goods industries also reported an average workweek greater than 40 hours.

The increase in hours helped push average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers up by nearly $10 to $382.55. Average hourly earnings increased 3 cents over the month to $9.54.

## *National Economic and Labor Market Conditions*

National employment increased substantially in March, while unemployment remained the same. The seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was 7.3 percent in both February and March, representing about 8.4 million jobless Americans. Total civilian employment increased by about 432,000 to 107.1 million, as the proportion of the working age population who had a job reached a record level of 60.3 percent.

Preliminary gross national product data for the first quarter show that the nation's production of goods and services increased at an even slower rate — 1.3 percent — in the January-March period than the earlier "flash" estimate had predicted. The slow growth apparently stemmed largely from a flood of imports, as spending remained strong in the quarter.

## *Outlook*

The government's index of leading economic indicators fell slightly in March after increasing in the previous two months. This may well suggest continued sluggishness in the economy but probably does not forebode a recession, because overall spending remains strong. The performance of the economy may vary substantially among sectors, however, with the manufacturing industries tending to be hurt by the rising tide of imports. This may limit further drops in unemployment, and some moderate increase in unemployment is even possible. Sectors such as services will probably continue to see employment growth.

Movements of this sort should be far outweighed in the next few months in Missouri by seasonal changes, with the improvement in April usually being the largest in the year. Some additional improvement usually occurs in May, with unemployment jumping up in June as the labor force swells in the summer.

**Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — March, 1985**

| Item | Current Mo. (Preliminary) | 1 Mo. Ago (Revised) | 1Yr. Ago (Revised) | Net Change To Current Month From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers) | 2,386,500 | 2,358,300 | 2,357,700 | 28,200 | 28,800 |
| Total Employed | 2,211,100 | 2,159,200 | 2,166,400 | 51,900 | 44,700 |
| Total Unemployed | 175,400 | 199,100 | 191,300 | -23,700 | -15,900 |
| Unemployment Rate (% of CLF) | 7.3 | 8.4 | 8.1 | -1.1 | -0.8 |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment | | | | | |
| Except Comestics (No. of Jobs) | 2,019,500 | 1,996,500 | 1,988,300 | -2,300 | 31,200 |
| Manufacturing | 430,800 | 428,800 | 430,100 | 2,000 | 700 |
| Durable Goods | 247,400 | 245,100 | 245,300 | 2,300 | 2,100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 183,400 | 183,800 | 184,800 | -400 | -1,400 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 1,588,700 | 1,567,700 | 1,558,100 | 21,000 | 30,600 |
| State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.) | 7,315 | 10,454 | 8,398 | -3,028 | -1,083 |
| State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.) | 56,705 | 67,941 | 58,610 | -11,236 | -1,905 |
| Insured Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.1 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Exhaustions (State U.I.) | 4,316 | 4,176 | 5,833 | -140 | -1,517 |
| Amount of Benefits Paid | $21,256,530 | $22,093,719 | $19,208,576 | -$837,189 | -$2,047,954 |
| State U.I. | 20,919,613 | 21,760,157 | 18,791,997 | -840,544 | 3,955,835 |
| UCFE | 158,562 | 153,823 | 231,513 | 4,739 | -72,951 |
| UCX | 178,355 | 179,739 | 185,066 | -1,384 | -6,711 |

Prepared in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte, Lafayette and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Miami and Leavenworth counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1985

Franciena King, Analyst

Large seasonal employment gains in Construction, Services and Government led to the Area's second consecutive month of a decline in the unemployment rate. The March 1985 unemployment rate dropped by 0.7 of a percentage point over-the-month to 5.1 per cent of the civilian labor force as the number of unemployed workers fell by 4,300 over-the-month. During this period the total civilian labor force expanded by 17,000 persons. The combined effects of the growing labor force and declining numbers of jobless resulted in an overall growth in civilian employment of 21,300. Over-the-month total nonagricultural wage and salaried employment also grew by 5,300 jobs, with the bulk of the gain occurring in Nonmanufacturing. Both the place-of-work and the place-of-residence employment series have risen over last year's levels — the nonagricultural payroll series increased by 10,100 and the civilian employment series grew by 23,100. The drop in March's unemployment numbers and rate also compares favorably with those figures at this same time a year ago. The unemployment rate dropped a full percentage point from the March 1984 rate of 6.1 per cent, while the number of unemployed workers fell by 6,200 from March 1984 to March 1985.

Wage and salaried employment in March 1985 was 667,000, up by 5,300 from the February 1985 total of 661,700. In largest over-the-month employment advances took place in the Nonmanufacturing sector, primarily as a result of strong seasonally related employment effects. After posting modest gains in February, the Services sector made substantial employment increases of 1,700 jobs in March 1985 as activity in recreation, hotel and agriculture gained momentum. The expansion of construction contracting activity in the Area continued to spur large additional gains in Construction employment. While special trades registered the largest gains, building and nonbuilding construction showed significant growth and, together, accounted for 1,600 new jobs in the sector. Federal tax processing contributed to an additional 800 jobs in the sector. Federal tax processing contributed to an additional 800 jobs in the Federal Government sector. Elsewhere within Nonmanufacturing, Transportation, Communications and Utilities and State and Local Government each recorded minor losses.

As in previous months, the Manufacturing sector remained fairly stable over-the-month. The only noteworthy movement was a gain of 400 jobs in the Electrical Equipment industry, mostly in communications equipment. All other Durable Goods industries showed only minor increases over-the-month. The net growth of 1,100 jobs gained in Manufacturing over-the-month occurred in the Durable Goods producing sector. Within the Nondurable Goods producing sector there was no change, as minor gains in Apparel and Printing and Publishing were completely offset by equal losses in Paper and Other Nondurables.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 10,100 from March 1984 to March 1985. Manufacturing increased by 2,600 jobs, with 300 jobs added in Durable Goods manufacturing and 2,300 jobs in Nondurable Goods manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing employment accounted for over 74 per cent of the total jobs gained over-the-year.

Within Nonmanufacturing, the strength of Construction contracting over-the-year, most notably in building construction and special trades, contributed to Construction employment showing the largest over-the-year growth, with 2,500 new jobs added. Led by gains in personal services, recreation and health services, the Services sector posted an increase of 2,100 new jobs over last year's level. Among the other nonmanufacturing industries, Federal Government and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, with an additional 1,200 jobs each, accounted for 24 per cent of the total 7,500 jobs gained over-the-year in the sector. In contrast to the general upward trend exhibited in the other nonmanufacturing industries, Retail Trade employment fell by 500 jobs, lagging behind last year's robust gains when consumer demand and sales were much stronger. All of the remaining industries in the sector showed higher levels this year than a year ago.

Of the Manufacturing industries, Electrical Equipment showed the largest increase over last year's level, with 1,500 new jobs, reflecting the particularly strong showing in communication equipment manufacturing. Printing and Publishing, with 900 additional jobs, and Chemicals with 700 jobs, accounted for the bulk of new jobs added within the Manufacturing sector over-the-year. The strength within these industries was partially offset by a sizable decline of 1,500 jobs in Machinery, which recently suffered a major lay-off in the Area in farm equipment production, and minor losses in Stone, Clay and Glass and Transportation Equipment.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 38,100 in March 1985, for 5.1 per cent of the labor force, compared to 42,400 in February 1985 for 5.8 per cent of the labor force and 44,300 in March 1984 for 6.1 per cent of the labor force.

## *Employment and Unemployment Forecast*

Led by continued strength in employment within the Service producing sector and Construction contracting, the Area's unemployment rate in April 1985 is expected to fall another three tenths of a percentage point from the revised March rate. Retail Trade employment is also expected to emerge from its recent slump with stronger increases. The Manufacturing sector is expected to show little over-all change. The unemployment rate is expected to be 4.8 per cent of the labor force in April 1985, compared to 5.1 per cent

in March 1985 and 5.8 per cent in April 1984.

The Area's labor market will continue to improve in May 1985 fueled by the resumption of production of a major Area manufacturing operation, which will add vigor to a somewhat lagging Manufacturing sector. Healthly increases will continue in seasonally related Construction, Services and Retail Trade industries. Students and other summer workers entering the labor force and slow the rate of decline in the unemployment rate. Unemployment is expected to be 4.6 per cent of the labor force in May 1985, compared to 4.8 per cent in April 1985 and 5.4 per cent in May 1984.

### *Kansas City Area-*
### *Missouri Job Service Statistics*

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 34,198 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of March 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

| General Characteristics | | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|
| Age: | Under 22 | 17.2 |
| | 22-44 | 68.0 |
| | 45 and over | 14.8 |
| Sex: | Male | 62.3 |
| | Female | 37.7 |
| Racial or Ethnic Group | | |
| | Black | 31.2 |
| | Other Non-White | 01.1 |
| | Hispanic | 02.0 |

| Miscellaneous Characteristics | Per Cent |
|---|---|
| Unemployment Insurance Claimants | 46.5 |
| Veterans | 21.7 |
| Handicapped | 02.3 |

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated March 31, 1985.

JOB PLACEMENTS:

During March 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,970 and job placements totaled 1,925. There were 1,637 veteran referrals in March 1985, with 303 veteran placements. During February 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,233 and job placements totaled 2,247. There were 1,450 veteran referrals in February 1985, with 319 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated March 31, 1985.

## *Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) March 1985*

### Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

| Age | Male Per Cent | Female Per Cent | Total Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 25 | 15.7 | 17.4 | 16.3 |
| 25-34 | 36.2 | 34.1 | 35.5 |
| 35-44 | 22.7 | 22.1 | 22.5 |
| 45-54 | 14.3 | 15.1 | 14.6 |
| 55-64 | 10.3 | 09.0 | 09.8 |
| 65 and over | 00.7 | 02.2 | 01.2 |
| Unreported | 00.1 | 00.1 | 00.1 |

### Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

| Industry | Per Cent |
|---|---|
| Agricultural | 00.7 |
| Mining | 00.2 |
| Construction | 16.2 |
| Manufacturing | 21.2 |
| Transportation, Communications & Utilities | 06.0 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 22.1 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 02.6 |
| Services | 24.1 |
| All Other | 06.7 |
| Information not available | 00.2 |

### Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

| Occupation | Per Cent |
|---|---|
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 09.5 |
| Clerical | 14.6 |
| Sales | 04.1 |
| Services | 12.7 |
| Farming, Forestry & Fishing | 01.3 |
| Processing | 01.9 |
| Machine Trades | 06.4 |
| Bench Work | 05.9 |
| Structural Work | 12.9 |
| Miscellaneous | 16.4 |
| Information not available | 14.3 |

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 8,818; 5,783 were male and 3,035 were female.

## Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
### (Place of Work)
### (Benchmark — March 1984)

**Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas** **Month and Year of Current: March, 1985**

| Item | Number of Jobs | | | Net Change To Current Month From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Mo. | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment | 667,000 | 661,700 | 656,900 | -5,300 | +10,100 |
| Total Manufacturing | 120,000 | 119,500 | 118,000 | +1,100 | +2,600 |
| Durable Goods | 67,800 | 66,700 | 67,500 | +1,100 | +300 |
| Lumber & Furniture | 3,500 | 3,300 | 3,300 | +200 | +200 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,600 | +100 | -100 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,900 | +100 | +100 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 9,500 | 9,400 | 9,300 | +100 | +200 |
| Machinery Except Electrical | 7,200 | 7,100 | 8,700 | +100 | -1,500 |
| Electrical Equipment & Supplies | 21,400 | 21,000 | 19,900 | +400 | +1,500 |
| Transportation Equipment | 14,900 | 14,800 | 15,100 | +100 | -200 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | (14,700) | (14,600) | (14,900) | (+100) | (-200) |
| Other Durable Goods | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,700 | +100 | +100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 52,800 | 52,800 | 50,500 | 0 | +2,300 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 10,000 | 10,000 | 9,900 | 0 | +100 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,600 | +100 | +200 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 5,400 | 5,500 | 5,400 | -100 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 20,100 | 20,000 | 19,200 | +100 | +900 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,100 | 0 | +700 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,100 | 5,200 | 4,700 | -100 | +400 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 546,400 | 542,200 | 538,900 | +4,200 | +7,500 |
| Mining & Quarrying | 700 | 600 | 600 | +100 | +100 |
| Construction | 26,300 | 24,700 | 23,800 | +1,600 | +2,500 |
| Transportation, Comm. & Utilities | 51,500 | 51,600 | 51,100 | -100 | +400 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 167,400 | 167,300 | 167,600 | +100 | -200 |
| Wholesale Trade | (52,500) | (52,500) | (52,200) | (0) | (+300) |
| Retail Trade | (114,900) | (114,800) | (115,400) | (+100) | (-500) |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 49,600 | 49,500 | 48,400 | +100 | +1,200 |
| Services | 146,600 | 144,900 | 144,500 | +1,700 | +2,100 |
| Government | 104,300 | 103,600 | 102,900 | +700 | +1,400 |
| Federal Government | (29,600) | (28,800) | (28,400) | (+800) | (+1,200) |
| State & Local Government | (74,700) | (74,800) | (74,500) | (-100) | (+200) |
| In Labor-Management Disputes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0 |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

**Area and State: Kansas City, Missour-Kansas** **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1985**

| Industry | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing | $452.86 | $446.04 | $420.62 | 41.7 | 41.3 | 40.6 | $10.86 | $10.80 | $10.36 |
| Durable Goods | 498.03 | 485.47 | 450.84 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 40.8 | 11.75 | 11.67 | 11.05 |
| Lumber & Furniture | 297.20 | 299.41 | 319.71 | 40.0 | 39.5 | 41.2 | 7.43 | 7.58 | 7.76 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 482.00 | 500.61 | 475.10 | 40.2 | 37.0 | 40.4 | 11.99 | 13.53 | 11.76 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 484.62 | 482.98 | 471.65 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 11.82 | 11.78 | 11.56 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 372.25 | 364.80 | 357.63 | 40.2 | 40.0 | 39.3 | 9.26 | 9.12 | 9.10 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 404.15 | 415.31 | 418.31 | 39.7 | 40.4 | 39.5 | 10.18 | 10.28 | 10.59 |
| Electrical Equip. & Supplies | 483.79 | 487.89 | 434.51 | 42.7 | 42.7 | 41.9 | 11.33 | 11.32 | 10.37 |
| Transportation Equipment | 695.39 | 639.54 | 576.97 | 45.9 | 43.3 | 41.3 | 15.15 | 14.77 | 13.97 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | (700.12) | (644.06) | (581.67) | (46.0) | (43.4) | (41.4) | (15.22) | (14.84) | (14.05) |
| Other Durable Goods | 249.38 | 254.55 | 242.06 | 37.0 | 37.6 | 38.3 | 6.74 | 6.77 | 6.32 |
| Nondurable Goods | 382.82 | 381.48 | 368.83 | 40.9 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 9.36 | 9.35 | 9.17 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 404.62 | 418.03 | 392.54 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 42.9 | 9.68 | 9.79 | 9.15 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod. | 206.83 | 201.28 | 190.81 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 35.4 | 5.59 | 5.44 | 5.39 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 378.84 | 382.12 | 361.42 | 41.0 | 41.4 | 40.7 | 9.24 | 9.23 | 8.88 |
| Printing & Publishing | 396.00 | 383.25 | 394.63 | 38.9 | 37.5 | 38.5 | 10.18 | 10.22 | 10.25 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 481.55 | 490.39 | 445.32 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 40.3 | 11.07 | 11.02 | 11.05 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 373.98 | 279.82 | 371.05 | 37.7 | 38.6 | 41.0 | 9.92 | 9.84 | 9.05 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 299.48 | 283.03 | 298.16 | 42.6 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 7.03 | 6.82 | 7.15 |

* This series ecludes industry 2771.
Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1985

Russell Signorino, Analyst

### *Area Labor Force Developments*

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 8.8% in February to 7.6% in March. The number of area residents unemployed in March was 88,700, a decline of 13,300 from February. Total employment increased 19,600 over the month to stand at 1,077,000. Mild end of winter weather in the area caused significant employment gains in construction, trade and services. Agricultural and self-employed workers also registered improvement. The manufacturing sector showed little movement over the month, a trend that has now continued for the past 9 months. Over the year, unemployment rate in March, 1984 was 9.3%. The industry which has registered the greatest job growth is trade, which added 11,100 workers. The restaurant and bar sector of trade was responsible for 5,600 of this increase. The sector employed 64,100 workers, a record high level for March, and continued growth is expected through at least the first half of 1985. There was less than 50 labor disputants in March. February 1985 and March 1984 had 100 disputants each.

### *Manufacturing*

Manufacturing employment increased 300 over the month. Motor vehicles, which added 300 workers, continued to be affected by a temporary model change-over layoff. This layoff is expected to continue only through April. Five industries, such as fabricated metals and printing, added 100 workers each. Leather and other nondurables continued to be affected by reduced demand, each losing 100 workers. Over the year, manufacturing declined by 400. This decrease was due to the temporary auto industry layoff and the continuing declines in nondurable goods. The leather industry registered 1000 fewer employees in March 1985 as compared to March 1984, a decrease of over 17%. The primary metals industry, which experienced some job gains during the early stages of the economic recovery, is again registering employment declines. Three durable goods industries that have shown significant improvement over the year are aircraft (+1400), nonelectrical machinery (+700), and electrical equipment (+700).

## *Nonmanufacturing*

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 10,200 since February. Mild March weather caused employment gains in construction, trade, and services. These three industries, combined, added 8800 workers over the month. Small seasonal gains occurred in mining, transportation, and real estate. Small seasonal gains occurred in mining, transportation, and real estate. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 25,700 workers. Significant gains occurred in trade, (+11,100), services (+5800), and construction (+4400). Finance, insurance and real estate along with government each added 2000 employees.

## *Unemployment and Manpower Resources*

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were down 5900 in March, 1985 from February, 1985. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were down 4400 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1500.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

| Industry | Dec. | Jan. '85 | Feb. | Mar. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| INA | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Agriculture | 37 | 71 | 147 | 91 |
| Mining | 36 | 34 | 31 | 34 |
| Constructin | 1269 | 2316 | 4361 | 2792 |
| Manufacturing Total | 3484 | 3309 | 4652 | 5376 |
| Food | 562 | 368 | 423 | 439 |
| Textile | 21 | 24 | 27 | 19 |
| Apparel | 132 | 206 | 170 | 138 |
| Lumber | 47 | 55 | 41 | 45 |
| Furniture | 82 | 62 | 57 | 78 |
| Paper | 87 | 79 | 79 | 125 |
| Printing | 162 | 133 | 172 | 171 |
| Chemicals | 163 | 135 | 139 | 139 |
| Petroleum | 25 | 14 | 18 | 15 |
| Rubber | 132 | 112 | 140 | 211 |
| Leather | 163 | 185 | 257 | 293 |
| Stone | 48 | 66 | 105 | 99 |
| Primary Metal | 212 | 195 | 221 | 228 |
| Fabricated Metal | 466 | 445 | 483 | 551 |
| Machinery | 112 | 113 | 115 | 147 |
| Electrtical Machinery | 242 | 249 | 172 | 239 |
| Transportation Equip. | 334 | 370 | 1384 | 1714 |
| Instruments | 20 | 15 | 32 | 39 |
| Miscellaneous | 470 | 480 | 613 | 683 |
| Public Utilities | 692 | 769 | 873 | 921 |
| Wholesale & Retail Tr. | 1937 | 1832 | 2302 | 2683 |
| Finance | 259 | 252 | 237 | 289 |
| Services | 5380 | 5148 | 5764 | 6045 |
| All Other | 387 | 247 | 236 | 226 |
| TOTAL | 13381 | 13979 | 18605 | 18459 |

Of the 18,459 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in March, 1985, 66.0 percent were male and 34.0 percent were female.

**Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)**

| Occupation | Dec. | Jan. '85 | Feb. | Mar. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prof., Tech. & Mgr. | 1529 | 1396 | 1472 | 1672 |
| Clerical | 2051 | 1920 | 2046 | 2302 |
| Sales | 589 | 507 | 621 | 670 |
| Farm, Fish & Forest | 133 | 195 | 331 | 254 |
| Processing | 276 | 296 | 304 | 323 |
| Machine Trades | 1083 | 1115 | 1215 | 1344 |
| Bench Work | 774 | 710 | 767 | 891 |
| Structural Work | 1311 | 1723 | 2470 | 2328 |
| Misc. Work | 1816 | 1840 | 2223 | 2326 |
| Domestic | 63 | 51 | 46 | 43 |
| Other Services | 2217 | 2032 | 2415 | 2605 |
| INA | 1529 | 2194 | 4695 | 3701 |
| TOTAL | 13381 | 13979 | 18605 | 18459 |

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

| | Female | Vets | -22 | Min. | HDCP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Apps. in file, % | 44.9 | 14.3 | 21.7 | 39.3 | 2.1 |
| Placements, % | 43.3 | 13.9 | 36.6 | 37.1 | 2.1 |

## *Available Job Oppportunties*

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

| Occupational Group | Openings Received Percent | Openings Filled Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 5.3 | 1.8 |
| Clerical | 18.4 | 15.6 |
| Sales | 15.5 | 18.9 |
| Processing | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Machine Trades | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Bench Work | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Structural Work | 7.2 | 7.2 |
| Motor Freight & Trans. | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Packaging & Material Handling | 9.6 | 13.6 |
| Domestic | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Other Services | 28.5 | 27.1 |
| Other Occupations | 1.2 | 1.0 |

## *Unemployment Rate Outlook*

The unemployment rate in April, 1985 is expected to be 7.1% and in May, 7.2%.

# Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
**(Place of Work)**

**Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area** **Month and Year of Current: March, 1985**

| Item | Number of Jobs | | | Net Change To Current Month From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Mo. | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total | 1,044,400 | 1,033,900 | 1,019,100 | +10,500 | +25,300 |
| Percent Change | | | | -(1.0) | +(2.5) |
| Manufacturing | 225,100 | 224,800 | 225,500 | +300 | -400 |
| Durable Goods | 141,700 | 141,300 | 140,400 | +400 | +1,300 |
| Lumber & Furniture | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,700 | 0 | +300 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,400 | 0 | -200 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 14,800 | 14,900 | 15,300 | -100 | -500 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 17,500 | 17,400 | 17,600 | +100 | -100 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 18,900 | 18,800 | 18,200 | +100 | +700 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 15,100 | 15,200 | 14,400 | -100 | +700 |
| Transportation Equipment | 54,000 | 53,600 | 53,600 | +400 | +400 |
| Motor Vehicles | 17,200 | 16,900 | 17,800 | +300 | -600 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 36,000 | 35,900 | 34,600 | +100 | +1,400 |
| Instruments & Misc. Mfg. | 13,200 | 13,200 | 13,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83,400 | 83,500 | 85,100 | -100 | -1,700 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 21,200 | 21,300 | 21,400 | -100 | -300 |
| Meat Products | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Beverages | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,400 | 0 | +100 |
| Textiles & Apparel | 6,800 | 6,700 | 7,000 | +100 | -200 |
| Paper & Paper Products | 5,700 | 5,800 | 5,900 | -100 | -200 |
| Printing & Publishing | 16,600 | 16,500 | 16,400 | +100 | +200 |
| Chemical & Allied Products | 20,700 | 20,600 | 20,500 | +100 | +200 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 4,800 | 4,900 | 5,800 | -100 | -1,000 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,200 | 5,300 | 5,700 | -100 | -500 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 819,300 | 809,100 | 793,600 | +10,200 | +25,700 |
| Mining | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,400 | +100 | +100 |
| Construction | 46,400 | 42,600 | 42,000 | +3,800 | +4,400 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 73,300 | 73,000 | 73,000 | +300 | +300 |
| Railroads | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,400 | 0 | -100 |
| Transportation, Except Railroads | 38,700 | 38,400 | 38,800 | +300 | -100 |
| Communications & Public Utilities | 27,300 | 27,300 | 26,800 | 0 | +500 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 246,600 | 245,100 | 235,500 | +1,500 | +11,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 64,800 | 65,000 | 64,100 | -200 | +700 |
| Retail Trade | 181,800 | 180,100 | 171,400 | -1,700 | +10,400 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 62,700 | 62,600 | 60,700 | +100 | +2,000 |
| Service, Except Domestic | 247,900 | 244,400 | 242,100 | +3,500 | +5,800 |
| Total Government | 138,900 | 138,000 | 136,900 | +900 | +2,000 |
| Total Federal Government | 37,700 | 37,500 | 36,900 | +200 | +800 |
| Total State & Local Government | 101,200 | 100,500 | 100,000 | +700 | +1,200 |
| Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes | 0 | 100 | 100 | -100 | -100 |

Prepared in cooperationwith the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

**Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area** **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1985**

| Industry | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing | $440.19 | $431.34 | $435.97 | 40.2 | 39.0 | 41.6 | $10.95 | $11.06 | $10.48 |
| Durable Goods | 460.63 | 447.33 | 459.65 | 40.8 | 39.0 | 42.6 | 11.29 | 11.47 | 10.79 |
| Lumber & Furniture | 329.16 | 340.70 | 321.20 | 39.0 | 40.9 | 40.2 | 8.44 | 8.33 | 7.99 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 378.30 | 355.82 | 355.05 | 36.8 | 35.3 | 35.9 | 10.28 | 10.08 | 9.89 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 455.51 | 460.20 | 457.78 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 40.8 | 11.74 | 11.80 | 11.22 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 420.66 | 411.20 | 419.67 | 41.0 | 40.0 | 41.8 | 10.26 | 10.28 | 10.04 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical | 450.46 | 448.51 | 434.16 | 41.1 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 10.96 | 11.02 | 10.80 |
| Elect & Electronic Equip. | 326.00 | 317.81 | 317.20 | 40.0 | 38.9 | 40.0 | 8.15 | 8.17 | 7.93 |
| Transportation Equipment | 592.63 | 555.81 | 596.10 | 43.1 | 38.2 | 46.9 | 13.75 | 14.55 | 12.71 |
| Instruments & Misc. Mfg. | 288.75 | 292.13 | 282.30 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 40.1 | 7.70 | 7.79 | 7.04 |
| Nondurable Goods | 403.90 | 402.23 | 394.82 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 39.8 | 10.33 | 10.34 | 9.92 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 485.56 | 489.17 | 489.65 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 40.4 | 12.20 | 12.26 | 12.12 |
| Textiles & Apparel | 201.00 | 199.08 | 203.66 | 34.3 | 33.8 | 37.3 | 5.86 | 5.89 | 5.46 |
| Paper & Paper Products | 421.34 | 403.51 | 382.22 | 41.8 | 40.8 | 41.5 | 10.08 | 9.89 | 9.21 |
| Printing & Publishing | 389.88 | 387.45 | 395.26 | 38.0 | 37.8 | 38.6 | 10.26 | 10.25 | 10.24 |
| Chemicals & Allied Prods. | 464.30 | 462.98 | 456.22 | 40.8 | 40.4 | 42.4 | 11.38 | 11.46 | 10.76 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 643.70 | 642.66 | 629.84 | 43.7 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 14.73 | 14.74 | 14.38 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 187.25 | 192.25 | 179.52 | 35.0 | 35.8 | 34.0 | 5.35 | 5.37 | 5.28 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 307.33 | 307.70 | 392.60 | 39.2 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 7.84 | 7.91 | 7.60 |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Springfield Labor Market Review

**(Greene and Christian Counties)**

March, 1985

Lloyd Banwart, Analyst

## *Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment*

The Springfield MSA labor force rose 1,100 from February to reach 116,500 in March. The area unemployment rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point, dropping from 6.0 percent to 5.3 percent. The number of unemployed persons dropped 800 from February to 6,100 in March. This sizeable decline mostly results from seasonal changes.

During March 1984, there were 7,500 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 6.5 percent.

## *Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment*

Seasonal influences pushed payrolled employment up 500 from February to 94,600 in March.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,200 for March, was down 100 from February. This drop results from a 200 loss in durable goods manufacturing jobs and an increase of 100 in the number of employees with jobs in the nondurable manufacturing segment.

Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 600 from February to 75,400 in March. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels from February include: Trade, up 200; Services, up 300; and government up 100.

Since one year ago, payrolled employment shows an increase of 600. This is the net result of a 200 reduction in manufacturing jobs and a gain of 600 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector.

## *Hours and Earnings*

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased from $8.37 in February to $8.49 in March. Most of the jump was fostered by more overtime worked at premium pay.

During March 1984, hourly wages averaged $8.23 and the average factory work week came to 40.2 hours.

### Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

**(Place of Work)**

**(Benchmark — March, 1984)**

**Area and State: Springfield, Missouri** **Month and Year of Current: March, 1985**

| Item | Number of Jobs | | | Net Change To Current Month From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Mo. | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics) | 94,600 | 94,100 | 94,000 | +500 | +600 |
| Manufacturing | 19,200 | 19,300 | 19,400 | -100 | -200 |
| Durable Goods | 10,100 | 10,300 | 10,200 | -200 | -100 |
| Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.) | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Durable Goods | 9,200 | 9,400 | 9,300 | -200 | -100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,100 | 9,000 | 9,200 | +100 | -100 |
| Food Processing | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,900 | 0 | -100 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,700 | +100 | 0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 75,400 | 74,800 | 74,600 | +600 | +800 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,000 | 0 | +200 |
| Transportation & Utilities | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade | 25,700 | 25,500 | 25,500 | +200 | +200 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 0 | +100 |
| Services | 22,900 | 22,600 | 23,000 | +300 | -100 |
| Government | 13,100 | 13,300 | 12,700 | +100 | +400 |
| Federal | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11,400 | 11,300 | 11,000 | +100 | +400 |
| Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### *Employment and Unemployment Outlook*

Payrolled employment is expected to show a slight increase during April. Anticipated job increases in non-manufacturing industries should more than off-set a possible small reduction in manufacturing jobs.

The rate of unemployment will continue on the seasonal down trend established in February. A drop of three-tenths of a percentage point in the rate of unemployment in April appears likely at this time.

## Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

**Area and State: Springfield, Missouri** **Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1985**

| Industry | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing | $337.90 | $323.92 | $330.85 | 39.8 | 38.7 | 40.2 | $8.49 | $8.37 | $8.23 |
| Durable Goods | 330.86 | 317.00 | 321.58 | 40.3 | 38.8 | 40.4 | 8.21 | 8.17 | 7.96 |
| Nondurable Goods | 347.10 | 334.18 | 345.60 | 39.0 | 38.5 | 40.0 | 8.90 | 8.68 | 8.64 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 387.57 | 372.50 | 385.05 | 41.1 | 40.8 | 42.5 | 9.43 | 9.13 | 9.06 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 326.80 | 315.28 | 323.85 | 38.0 | 37.4 | 38.6 | 8.60 | 8.43 | 8.39 |

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.